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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements letter dated December 21, 2005, Applicants submit herewith the translated application with the text of the drawings properly translated.

Also enclosed is a check for \$130.00 to cover the English Translation surcharge.

Having met all of the requirements, examination is hereby requested.

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/01/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 06/01/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/01/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/01/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 06/01/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 06/01/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 06/01/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/01/2005
- Assignment filed on 06/01/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 06/01/2005
- Power of Attorney filed on 06/01/2005
- Non-English Language Application filed on 06/01/2005
- Specification filed on 06/01/2005
- Claims filed on 06/01/2005
- Abstracts filed on 06/01/2005
- Drawings filed on 06/01/2005

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. The current translation of the application into English is defective as described below. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
 - The text in the drawings has not been properly translated.

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- Processing fee of \$130 for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** for English translation surcharge required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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